



ANSWERS FOR TODAY

What Does It Mean to be Born Again?

John 3:1-21

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These questions are provided for your further study and application of Sunday's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of the study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about Bible Study Groups at Broadview Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please visit broadviewchurch.com/biblestudies or email us at contact@broadviewchurch.com.

1. In John 3, Jesus encounters a man named Nicodemus. How is he described in verse 1? What is it about Nicodemus that may have caused him to visit Jesus "at night" (v. 2)? What is it about Jesus that made Nicodemus seek his counsel?
2. Why do you believe Jesus responded the way he did in John 3:3, especially since Nicodemus did not ask Jesus about being born again? Some Bibles have a footnote for verse 3 which indicates that the term "born again" may be understood as "born from above." What would this indicate about the experience Jesus is talking about?
3. Read John 3:4-6. What do you think being "born of water" means? If verse 5 and verse 6 are parallels, and "water" (v. 5) is connected to "flesh" (v. 6), does this make a difference in understanding the teaching? What do you believe it means to be "born of the Spirit?" How is this different than being born physically?
4. Read John 3:7-8. Jesus compares the wind blowing where it pleases with the Spirit doing what he pleases. What does this tell us about who causes a person to be born again?

John 3:1-8

There was a man from the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to him at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could perform these signs you do unless God were with him."

3 Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4 "How can anyone be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked him. "Can he enter his mother's womb a second time and be born?"

5 Jesus answered, "Truly I tell you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be amazed that I told you that you must be born again. 8 The wind blows where it pleases, and you hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

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